

## EDUCATION IN THE COST OF LIVING

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Washington, D. C. Oct. 3.—Reaction in the high cost of living, promised in the Democratic platform of 1912, is a "myth", declared Representative Julius Kahn, of Ill., ranking minority member of the House Military Affairs Committee, in a statement given out here today.

"In 1912 the Democratic party promised the people of the United States to reduce the high cost of living," said Mr. Kahn. "They culminated against the protective tariff and blamed the latter for contributing to the increase of prices for food products of all kinds. This is the plank of that platform:

"The high cost of living is a serious problem in every American home. The Republican Party, in its platform, attempts to escape from responsibility for present conditions by denying that they are due to a protective tariff. We take issue with them on this subject, and charge that excessive prices result in a large measure from the high tariff laws enacted and maintained by the Republican Party and from trusts and commercial conspiracies fostered and encouraged by such laws, and we assert that no substantial relief can be secured for the people without import duties on the necessities of life are materially reduced and these criminal conspiracies broken up."

"Like many another plank it seems to have been inserted in the platform in the nature of 'molasses to catch flies.'"

"Instead of reducing the price of living under this Democratic administration the cost of food products has constantly increased. Uncle Sam himself feels the pinch. He is the greatest purchaser of commodities in the United States. He can buy cheaper than anybody else because he buys in such large quantities. In 1913 at the time the Democrats took possession of the country and promised to reduce the cost of living he was paying twenty-three cents a day per ration for every enlisted man in the United States Army. That was the cost of the army ration at that time. The ration itself has not been changed for about eight years. The same articles of food that were given the soldiers in 1909 are supplied to them today. Acting quartermaster General H. G. Sharpe, who testified before the Committee on Military Affairs last March, said that for the year 1917 the cost of each ration would be thirty cents. Its cost has increased steadily since 1913. Every year saw an increase until now the ration amounts to thirty cents per day. There are approximately 250,000 men in the regular army and the National Guard at the present time. An increase of seven cents per ration means that the taxpayers of Uncle Sam have to pay \$17,500 a day more than they would have had to pay in 1913 to feed Uncle Sam's soldiers. At that rate the increased cost to feed the army amounts each month to \$525,000 or \$6,300,000 per year more than when the Republicans were in control. The taxpayers are called upon to meet this heavy increase. But it is not only the food for the army that has increased in cost. The cost of clothing, shoes and equipment generally has gone up in proportion.

"The records of the government disclose the fact that under the Underwood tariff bill, which is probably the lowest tariff this country has ever had, prices have advanced steadily and the end is not yet.

"The Democratic Party proclaimed in 1912 that the protective tariff was responsible for the high cost of living. It was a beautiful theory with which they fooled many of the voters of this country. The people are wiser today. Under Democratic free trade prices have arisen to the highest point in American history. "Will the voters again be fooled by Democratic sophistry in November?"

## DECEMBER WILL BE BONUS MONTH

The following appeared in the commercial page of the Advertiser:

Last March the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association recommended the adoption of a new bonus system by the individual plantations of which the association is composed. As a result of calculations by the bureau of labor and statistics a schedule was devised which, on the basis of five and a half and six cent sugar, would return to all those engaged in the actual production of this staple a proportionate share of the greatly augmented profits.

This schedule generally adopted by the plantations throughout Hawaii, increased the monthly wage of all those whose employment was constant from forty to sixty per cent, but it did not specifically provide when the balance of the bonus due to employees upon October 31, the end of the bonus year, should be paid.

### Part Paid Before

A part of the war profit was to be paid at the end of each month or at the regular payday. The remainder was to be disbursed as it formerly had been, some time in November or December after the averages had all been made up.

This year, owing to the increased bonus rate and its application to day men and contractors alike, it is estimated that approximately four million dollars will be due and payable upon the bonus alone to plantation employees upon October 31. In addition to this amount, the regular monthly pay rolls have to be provided for.

### To Pay By Islands

It has therefore been definitely decided by the trustees of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, in order to relieve the burden upon the local banks, that all plantations located upon the islands of Oahu and Hawaii will, where practicable, pay the balance of the bonus due upon October 31 during the month of November, while those plantations located upon Maui and Kauai will pay the bonus during December, 1916.

Besides bonuses paid to the plantation men practically all the agencies, transportation companies and what might be called the subsidiary or dependent companies engaged in the sale and handling of the crop will also pay gratuities at the end of the year. Hawaii in this way shares its prosperity with all who have any part in the big industry. When prices and profits are abnormal all benefit just as when the price goes down to the \$70 basis or below, all suffer.

## PLANNING A PARK FOR WAIMEA LANDS

Governor Pinkham is taking up for consideration the plan proposed to him by George K. Larrison for converting a large portion of the upper Waimea lands, Kauai, into a territorial park.

In brief they propose the setting aside of land at an elevation of some 4000 feet on the Kauai highlands and turning it into a territorial or even national resort for tourists and island people as a campsite.

The governor said that he is much interested in the scheme which Larrison proposed to him as a citizen and through not any office of the territory. He intends, however, to take time to look into the matter before giving it sanction or rejection.

"I have talked with several Kauai people on the scheme," said the governor today, "and they are all enthusiastic over it. They say it would be a great place for recuperation or for camping in general."

Cyrus Green, carpenter of Honolulu, was a visitor to Kauai last week. He constructed several buildings on Kauai, among them being the Hanamau school house.

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